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100,000 JAPANESE AT GATES OF PORT ARTHUR

RUSSIANS MAKE DISPERATE

THE GUN THE RUSSIANS MOST DREAD READY FOR BUSINESS.

PORT ARTHUR



(Photograph by Jack London, the Boston American's Correspondent With the Japanese Army.) This is the deadly Arisaka gun, invented by Colonel Arisaka, of the Japanese army, and the execution of which has astounded European artillery experts with the Japanese army.

Town a Veritable Inferno of Shrieking Shell Hurl'd Into It Night and Day by Japs—Torpedo Boats Dash Into Harbor While Land Forces Attack the Defences of the Garrison Itself—Japs Indifferent to Death in Hope of Victory.

BROKER HOOPER NOT A SUICIDE; SKULL CRUSHED

Dispatches to the BOSTON AMERICAN from Concord, N. H., indicate that Chester E. Hooper, of Everett, said to be Concord agent for the Boston firm of C. M. Cunningham & Co., and whose body was found in his office, after an explosion, and fire, did not commit suicide. The door and casing of the closet were blown outward, and Hooper was found beneath them. His skull was fractured so badly that it gave rain at first to the belief that he had been shot. I do not believe there is a pistol wound in the head.

Accident or Murder.
The cause of death cannot be definitely stated until County Medical Examiner Con returns this afternoon and performs an autopsy. Whether Hooper's death was due to accident or murder remains to be shown. C. M. Cunningham, of Boston, said today that Hooper was not in the employ of his firm.

About three months ago I met Hooper at a creditors' meeting of a N. H. manufacturing concern, "the firm," said Mr. Cunningham. "He came to my office, partly by telephone, and I aided him to get a wire from Boston. I did not know he was doing business in any name, and we had not the slightest interest in his venture."

Hooper an Optimist.
"He was an optimistic man, and not the sort that would commit suicide. He knew he was a travelling man, and knew the downward trade very well. I knew very little of him."

LONDON, JULY 12.—A DISPATCH TO THE PARIS ECHO FROM ST. PETERSBURG, SAYS THAT THE PORT ARTHUR GARRISON MADE A VIGOROUS SORTIE TO-DAY, CAPTURING FOUR GUNS AND 80 PRISONERS. THE HEIGHTS AROUND PORT ARTHUR, ACCORDING TO THE DISPATCH, ARE OCCUPIED BY 100,000 JAPS.

A FALL OF SMOKE HANGS OVER THE STRONGHOLD, ACCORDING TO DISPATCHES FROM CHEFOO. THE FIRE FROM THE HEAVY JAPANESE SIEGE GUNS IS INCENSANT. THE JAPANESE SHOTS AVERAGE SIXTEEN A MINUTE. ALLOWING FIVE MINUTES AS THE FASTEST ECONOMICAL RATE OF DISCHARGE FOR EACH GUN IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE JAPS HAVE EIGHTY SIEGE GUNS IN POSITION.

The destruction of the Retvizan and one other battleship was accomplished by the Russians themselves, to prevent the vessels from falling into the hands of the Japanese. The explosions by which the two warships were blown up were witnessed at sea by the Fawan, which afterward steamed to Chefoo. There were two terrific explosions, followed by clouds of black smoke, which hung over the west basin.

TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS.
One Russian warship exploded from Port Arthur on Thursday, according to the fishermen of the island of Hwang Ching Tao. The warship was painted white, with four yellow funnels, and its decks were crowded with Russians. It left the harbor and kept a southerly westerly course until the islands of Miao-to were ahead when it perceived the Japanese ships.

Turning back, the fugitive circled the north of Hwang Ching Tao and made off at full speed in the direction of Thokli Island with the eight Japanese torpedo boats in pursuit.

The Japanese have carried the assault on Port Arthur past Chung-Tao the key to the defences and are storming the town itself. The fighting is incessant on land and the

STANLEY, IN AUTO CLIMB, AGAIN BROKE RECORD TO-DAY

Newton Man Goes Up Mount Washington in 28 minutes 19 2-5 Seconds.

Special to the Boston American. MOUNT WASHINGTON, N. H., July 12.—P. E. Stanley, of Newton, has broken his own record again today in the automobile climbing contest, reaching the summit in 28 minutes 19 2-5 seconds, with his six-horse power steam runabout. The other contestants fear that it will be impossible to cut this time down during the remainder of the trials.

The second day of the contest opened auspiciously. The weather is mild and comfortable on the summit, and the sun has burned off the early morning mist, so that it is a climb of unobstructed view of the starting point could be had from the summit.

Other Contestants Think It Impossible to Better This Time.

The first car to start was a White steam-powered car of ten horse power, motored by Webb Jay. The eight miles was covered in 42 minutes 19 4-5 seconds, which is the record for this class, but is rather disappointing to Mr. Jay, who will make another trial this afternoon. L. J. Phelps, of Boston, in a Buick car, bettered his record of yesterday.

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N. E. IS THREATENED WITH A MEAT FAMINE

STRIKE OF 50,000 STOCK YARD WORKERS CUTS EASTERN SUPPLY 85 PER CENT.

The strike is the principal meat packing concern of the United States, which goes into effect to-day, will affect New England, because it is a manufacturing center, more than any other section of the country. The strike in this city alone, it is estimated, will cut down the Boston meat supply 85 per cent.

From the 175 cars a week of 24,000 pounds each which arrive here from the West, the supply will be cut down what can be obtained from the Brighton Stock Yards and the farmers of the country. Prices will inevitably advance under such conditions, and it will result in many families going on a fish diet. As an indication of how the threat of the strike affected the markets of Boston, it may be stated that, while there were 14,000 hogs shipped to this market today from the West, only 2,400 will reach here tomorrow.

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STATE CANNOT PAY BOUNTY TO VETERANS

ATTY-GEN. PARKER TELLS TREASURER HE CANNOT LEGALLY ISSUE BONDS.

Attorney-General Parker decided today that the State Treasurer cannot legally pay the \$25 bounty to the soldiers and sailors of this State who served in the Civil War, as provided by an act which it was supposed was passed over the Governor's veto on the last day the Legislature was in session.

The Attorney-General begins his communication by reviewing the history of the law, assuming it to have been duly enacted, as well as the question whether, as a matter of law, it has been carried into effect by the executive power.

SENATOR CLARK WED HIS WARD

Beautiful and Talented Ada La Chapelle for Three Years His Wife.
He Educated Her After Her Father Died and Left Big Family.

MRS. WILLIAM A. CLARK, NEE LA CHAPPELLE.

The announcement that Senator William A. Clark, the brilliant copper mining king of Montana, had married his beautiful and accomplished ward, Ada La Chapelle, did not surprise his personal friends in Boston so much as the disclosure of the fact that the ceremony took place as long ago as May 26, 1901, and that Mr. and Mrs. Clark have a daughter two years old.

It was a love match and the culmination of a romance. His bride is the daughter of Dr. La Chapelle, a French Canadian, who died in Montana a dozen years ago. She was very young then, but already gave promise of the venerable beauty which made her the object of universal admiration while she was a student in Paris.

Dr. La Chapelle left a widow and a brood of children, and but little money. Ada had great musical talent, and Senator Clark, who is a munificent patron of art and the highest of ballplayers, took a great interest in her and her sisters. He was a Frenchman by nationality, and a thorough musician by temperament. His French face and dark, lustrous eyes.

Grew Into a Beauty.
After she had been absent for many months, and Senator Clark met her again in Paris, he found that the promise of her youth had been fulfilled and that her face and figure had reached the most beautiful of women. She was then in her teens only, and is hardly more than twenty now.

Not many weeks ago it was the guests of the American colony in the French capital that the Senator and his ward were affianced.

Senator Clark was there for treatment of Dr. Currier for an ailment behind the ear. When they returned to Paris it was arranged that he intended to travel with his wife and daughter. He was to live in a castle in Spain. Nobody imagined, so carefully was the secret guarded, that they were already married, and that the fair girl was not only a wife, but a mother.

Widower 10 Years Ago.
Senator Clark's first wife died about two years ago and since then he has been reported as the fiancé of a number of women. They were all beautiful and gifted, but none of them were the kind of woman who would have been the wife of a man who had been married for ten years. He was a man of great wealth and power, and his wife was a woman of great beauty and talent. He was a man of great wealth and power, and his wife was a woman of great beauty and talent.



REAR FOOT FIGHT FOR CONGRESS

Frank P. Bennett to Oust Roberts, if He Can, With a Barbecue.

GRAND TIME ON AUGUST 6

A hot and political fight already in on in the Seventh Congressional District. Frank P. Bennett, of Bangor, former Republican member of the Legislature, and at present a salesman of Bangor, will make a bid for the seat in Congress now vacated by Daniel W. Roberts, Republican, who is equally anxious to retain it. It is said that Bennett may be willing to spend \$10,000 in the attempt to defeat Roberts.

Mr. Bennett launched his campaign six weeks ago, and he has done well. He has secured the votes of the district living in Bangor, and a number of votes in the surrounding towns. He has also secured the votes of the district living in Bangor, and a number of votes in the surrounding towns. He has also secured the votes of the district living in Bangor, and a number of votes in the surrounding towns.

It will take more than a barbecue to win the seat. It may be true that the contest will be a hot one, but it will not be a fight. It will be a contest of the intellect. It will be a contest of the intellect. It will be a contest of the intellect. It will be a contest of the intellect. It will be a contest of the intellect.

HUN BY CAR, DIES.
PITTSFIELD, July 12.—John Carson, twenty-two years old of Cheshire, who was killed by a horse-drawn carriage in Cheshire last night, has died at the house of his mother.

WHALES SPOT OFF FALL RIVER.
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ANGRY COOK ERPS INTO SEA.
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ELOPING WIFE IN "BULL PEN" CHASED ACROSS THE OCEAN.
Held by Immigration Officials When She and Man She Flew With Landed.

An elopement in Germany and a woman found on the half of Europe and across the Atlantic culminated in a dramatic situation in the "bull pen" of detention held on Long wharf last night.

The woman was the wife of Dr. Hans, a German physician, who had been in the United States for some time. She had been in the United States for some time. She had been in the United States for some time. She had been in the United States for some time. She had been in the United States for some time.

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NEWS BITS

Mr. M. K. Dantes, of Norfolk, Va., who left that city for St. Louis three days ago, is reported to be married, committed suicide while waiting for the unknown bridegroom in St. Louis.

The bandit Russell has looted the house of the late General Sherman, and has taken the General's personal belongings, including the General's sword and the General's hat.

Mr. Francis D. Winslow, wife of a New York lawyer, was shot from the back of the head at the Plaza Hotel Club by the caretaker.

Louis Broussard, formerly of California, will live the year around at Newport and the summer months in the city.

The St. Helena cannot reach the coast of the West Indies, and is now in the hands of the United States Navy. The ship is now in the hands of the United States Navy. The ship is now in the hands of the United States Navy. The ship is now in the hands of the United States Navy.

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Frank Pennington, fifty-two years old, of No. 150 Myrtle street, Arlington, was killed by a horse-drawn carriage in Arlington last night.

The body of the steamship Austria, which was wrecked off the coast of the United States, was found by the United States Navy. The ship was found by the United States Navy. The ship was found by the United States Navy. The ship was found by the United States Navy.

Lieutenant James W. Butters, retired from the Boston Police Department, was killed by a horse-drawn carriage in Boston last night.

Osborne E. Brown, of the Melrose Hotel, was killed by a horse-drawn carriage in Melrose last night.

W. H. Tolleson, of Omaha, has been elected to the position of Mayor of the city of Omaha. He has been elected to the position of Mayor of the city of Omaha. He has been elected to the position of Mayor of the city of Omaha. He has been elected to the position of Mayor of the city of Omaha.

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AARON BURR IS HONORED ON CENTENARY OF DUEL

Portrait of Duellist and Beautiful Daughter Exhibited.



AARON BURR THE DUELLIST AND HIS DAUGHTER. FAMOUS DUELLIST AND HIS DAUGHTER.

The pictures are to be taken in Staten Island and hung in Duane's Hotel. The building where Burr died. His daughter is supposed to have been slain at sea by the British.

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